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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

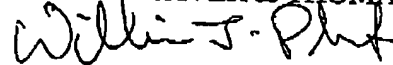
In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 24, 2005, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, group I, claims 1-19, 40-57, 78 and 80 to prosecute in the above-identified patent application.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement because the claims were twice previously searched without undue burden on the previous Examiner. Applicants also note that groups I and II share similar preamble and at least one claim element.

In addition, Applicants respectfully traverse any restriction between groups II and III. Group III was listed under class 709/subclass 246, which refers to "Computer-to-computer data modifying" and "Subject matter further comprising means or steps for changing a format of the data transferred between the computers". However, the claims in group III relate to "reinserting a redirected packet into a flow between a first processing device and a second processing device" and as mentioned in the Restriction Requirement, "how the redirected packet is reinserted into a flow". Both of these descriptions should be classified with class 709/subclass 239, which refers to "Alternate path routing", which has also been used to classify group II.

If any fees are due in connection with the filing this Response to Restriction Requirement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 50-0388 (Order No. CISC146).

Respectfully submitted,  
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